

22. (New) The welding method, in accordance with Claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

heating at least the welded part after welding and flowing a gas containing fluorine gas through the interior of said parts.

23. (New) The welding method, in accordance with Claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

heating at least the welded part after welding and flowing a gas containing fluorine gas through the interior of said parts.

24. (New) A welded product, produced in accordance with the welding method of Claim 21.

25. (New) A welded product, produced in accordance with the welding method of Claim 22.

26. (New) A welded product, produced in accordance with the welding method of Claim 23.

IN THE ABSTRACT

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REMARKS

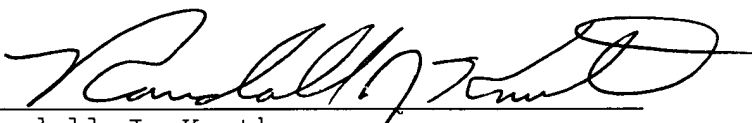
Applicant submits herewith a substitute abstract for the abstract currently on file to place to abstract in proper U.S. form. No new matter has been added.

Applicant has amended the Claims to place the Claims in proper U.S. form.

In addition, applicant has rewritten the Claims to remove the multiple dependent Claims.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited
to telephone the undersigned at (219) 485-6001.

Respectfully submitted,

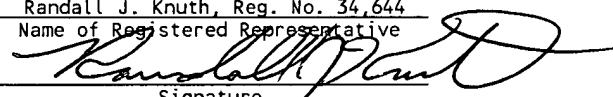

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